

# Introduction To The Mini-Symposiums

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- The purpose of the mini-symposiums is to explore a series of best practices in training through the success experiences of NIEHS or OSHA grantees

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- The four sessions include:
  - Core Concerns
  - Partnerships
  - Skill Enhancements
  - Use of Advanced Training Technology

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- The format of each symposium will be a series of presentations on these issues. Each presenter has been asked to focus on specific best practices they have learned from their experience as grantees.

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- We recognize that there are some imbalances with a majority participation of NIEHS grantee representatives and a special focus on hazwoper.
- Our view is that the best practices in the area of grantee training programs are very universal and apply equally well to OSHA Harwood grantees and OSHA Education Centers as well as NIEHS grantees.

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- We want those who are attending this workshop to be active participants in the process.
- We have allocated substantial time after each presentation for discussion and comment from the audience.
- We hope you will ask your questions and help us with the process of validating what we have selected as the best practices.

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- Each mini-symposium will be 3 hours with a break in the middle.
- We have assigned each participant to a specific workshop symposium. We ask that you please attend the symposium that you are assigned. If you absolutely must change, please do it through Mike Baker.
- The symposiums will be repeated in the afternoon at which time the attendees will switch to their second assignment.

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- After the sessions tomorrow we will sort out all of the notes and comments and provide feedback during Thursday's plenary.
- Each co-chair will be asked to report on their workshop symposiums with an emphasis on the workshop findings



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- Each participant has received background materials including:
  - A detailed Agenda identifying sessions, co-chairs and presenters and room locations.
  - The Pre-Workshop Perspective Document
  - The Best Practices Document (NIEHS).
  - The Final NIEHS Report “Development of An Integrated WETP ATT Program”

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- A final Best Practices Report will be developed from the information at the various symposiums